

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

Regulation 4VAC15-330. Fish: Trout Fishing.

4VAC15-330-30. Creel limit; generally.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the sections appearing in this chapter, the daily creel limit for taking trout shall be six, except the daily creel limit shall be two in Lake Moomaw and Philpott Reservoirs. Once a trout is taken into possession by placing in the creel, it becomes a part of the daily creel limit and may not be released (culled).

4VAC15-330-100. "Artificial lure" defined.

For the purposes of this chapter "artificial lure" shall include manufactured or handmade flies, spinners, plugs, spoons and facsimiles of live animals, but shall not be construed to include artificially produced organic baits and fish eggs that are intended to be ingested. Artificial lures with single hook shall mean any single point lure (with no multiple point hooks). Where single-hook artificial lures are required, a multiple number of single-hook lures (such as dropper flies) fished in series are permitted.

4VAC15-330-120. Special provisions applicable to certain portions of Buffalo Creek, Dan River, ~~Jackson River~~, Pound River, Roaring Run, Smith River, and South Fork Holston River.

A. It shall be lawful year around to fish using only artificial lures with single hooks in that portion of Buffalo Creek in Rockbridge County from the confluence of Colliers Creek upstream 2.9 miles to the confluence of North and South Buffalo Creeks, in that portion of Smith River in Henry County from signs below the east bank of Towne Creek downstream to the State Route 666 (Trent Hill Road) bridge, in that portion of the Dan

River in Patrick County from Talbott Dam approximately six miles downstream to a sign posted just upstream from the confluence of Dan River and Townes Reservoir, in that portion of the Pound River from a sign posted 0.4 miles below the Flannagan Dam, downstream 1.2 miles to a sign posted just upstream of the confluence of the Pound River and the Russell Fork River, in that portion of the South Fork Holston River in Smyth County from a sign posted at the upper Jefferson National Forest Boundary downstream approximately four miles to a sign posted 500 feet upstream of the concrete dam at Buller Fish Culture Station, and in that portion of Roaring Run in Botetourt County from a sign posted at the third footbridge above the Roaring Run Furnace Day Use Area upstream approximately one mile to a sign posted at the Botetourt/Alleghany County line, ~~and in that portion of Jackson River in Bath County from the swinging bridge located just upstream from the mouth of Muddy Run upstream three miles to the last ford on FS 481D.-~~

B. The daily creel limit in these waters shall be two trout a day year around and the size limit shall be 16 inches or more in length. All trout caught in these waters under 16 inches in length shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any bait or any trout under 16 inches in length in these areas.

4VAC15-330-160. Special provisions applicable to certain portions of Accotink Creek, Back Creek, Chestnut Creek, Hardware River, Holliday Creek, Holmes Run, North River, Passage Creek, Peak Creek, Pedlar River, North Fork of Pound and Pound rivers, Roanoke River, and South River.

It shall be lawful to fish from October 1 through May 31, both dates inclusive, using only artificial lures in Accotink Creek (Fairfax County) from ~~Route 236 (Little River Turnpike)~~ King Arthur Road downstream ~~4.9~~ 3.1 miles to Route 620 (Braddock Road), in

Back Creek (Bath County) from the Route 600 bridge just below the Virginia Power Back Creek Dam downstream 1.5 miles to the Route 600 bridge at the lower boundary of the Virginia Power Recreational Area, in Chestnut Creek (Carroll County) from the U.S. Route 58 bridge downstream 11.4 miles to the confluence with New River, in the Hardware River (Fluvanna County) from the Route 646 bridge upstream 2.6 miles to Muleshoe Bend as posted, in Holliday Creek (Appomattox/Buckingham Counties) from the Route 640 crossing downstream 2.8 miles to a sign posted at the headwaters of Holliday Lake, in Holmes Run (Fairfax County) from the Lake Barcroft Dam downstream 1.2 miles to a sign posted at the Alexandria City line, in the North River (Augusta County) from the base of Elkhorn Dam downstream 1.5 miles to a sign posted at the head of Staunton City Reservoir, in Passage Creek (Warren County) from the lower boundary of the Front Royal State Hatchery upstream 0.9 miles to the Shenandoah/Warren County line, in Peak Creek (Pulaski County) from the confluence of Tract Fork downstream 2.7 miles to the Route 99 bridge, in the Pedlar River (Amherst County) from the City of Lynchburg/George Washington National Forest boundary line (below Lynchburg Reservoir) downstream 2.7 miles to the boundary line of the George Washington National Forest, in North Fork of Pound and Pound rivers from the base of North Fork of Pound Dam downstream to the confluence with Indian Creek, in the Roanoke River (Roanoke County) from the Route 760 bridge (Diuguids Lane) upstream 1.0 miles to a sign posted at the upper end of Green Hill Park (Roanoke County), in the Roanoke River (City of Salem) from the Route 419 bridge upstream 2.2 miles to the Colorado Street bridge, and in the South River from the Second Street Bridge upstream 2.4 miles to the base of Rife Loth Dam in the City of Waynesboro. From October 1 through May 31, all trout caught in these waters must be immediately returned to the water unharmed, and it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any bait

or trout. During the period of June 1 through September 30, the above restrictions will not apply.

4VAC15-330-171. Special provisions applicable to certain ~~portion~~ portions of Jackson River.

A. The daily creel limit shall be four trout per day and the minimum size limit shall be 12 inches in length on that portion of the Jackson River from Gathright Dam downstream to the Westvaco Dam at Covington in Allegheny County. All trout caught in this section of the Jackson River under 12 inches in length shall be immediately returned to the water. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any trout under 12 inches in length in this area.

B. The trout daily creel limit shall be two, the minimum size limit shall be 16 inches in length, and only artificial lures may be used in that portion of Jackson River in Bath County from the swinging bridge located just upstream from the mouth of Muddy Run, upstream three miles to the last ford on FS 481D. All trout caught in these waters under 16 inches in length shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any bait or any trout under 16 inches in length in these areas.

4VAC15-330-200. Special provisions applicable to Urban Fishing Program waters.

Waters selected by the director for inclusion into the Urban Fishing Program will be considered designated stocked trout waters only from November 1 through April 30, thus a trout license is not required from May 1 through October 31. In addition, trout may be creeled from these waters year around and the daily trout creel limit shall be four. Once a trout is taken into possession by placing in the creel, it becomes a part of the daily creel limit and may not be released (culled).